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Mr. P. Anjaneyulu :—" May I know when the hon. Minister asked the Inspector-General for this information ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" I do not know exactly when the reference was made ; it must be on receipt of the question."

Transfer of the officers of the Registration department.

* 128 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any rule to the effect that officers of the Registration department should be transferred from a place after having served three years therein ; and

(*b*) if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No, and the necessity for such a rule has not been felt.

Particulars regarding the registration districts of Palghat, Calicut, Tellicherry and South Kanara.

* 129 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to give the following particulars in regard to each one of the registration districts of Palghat, Calicut, Tellicherry and South Kanara—

(*a*) the number of registration offices ;

(*b*) average area of jurisdiction per office in square miles ;

(*c*) average population per office ;

(*d*) the number of registering officers ;

(*e*) average area per officer ;

(*f*) average population per officer ; and

(*g*) the receipts, expenditure and surplus income, if any, during the last three years ?

A.—The Government have called for the information.

Agriculture

Establishment of an experiment station for testing the utility of artificial manures.

* 130 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the progress made in the establishment of an experiment station for testing the effect of artificial manures on the yield of crops like paddy, cotton and cholam and their nutritive value ?

A.—The Government have sanctioned the conduct of experiments with artificial manures for a period of five years at the Paddy Breeding Station, Maruteru, and work will for the present be confined to the paddy crop. The necessary land has been leased and the experiments have been started. The hon. Member's attention is invited to the Press Communiqué published at page 634 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 2nd April, for details of the scheme. No experiments on nutritive values are contemplated in this station.